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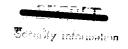
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BOHLEN BRIEFING

- (1) Under Stalin government all USSR had become "Stalin private property" subject whim vain intolerant old man.
- (2) Attempt being made change all this.

 Temporarily avoiding Stalin type
 dictatorship for Lenin techniques
 permitting delegation of power.
- experience solding. This happening
- Power of Party Secretariat de-emphasized.
- Following new developments:

 Party Secretariat deflated.



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MVD influence reduced.

Concentration camps removed its
jurisdiction, assigned Justice Ministry
and question whether MVD controls its
units in Army.

- (§) New emphasis on consumers goods and promised agricultural reforms.
- People given new feeling if they keep off grass won't be subject to police action.
- (8) Recognize industrial base for heavy industry adequate.

Defects in production consumers goods in agricultural policy.

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More common sense in foreign policy but no basic change.

Some of Stalin's awkward positions abandoned.

Example: Turkey, Yugoslavia -- but caught in contradiction -- want no major trouble but unwilling to surrender anything.

"Peace at no price."

(11) Berlin likely to become a hot spot though unlikely blockade re-imposed.

Populas

(12) American approach Soviet problem

often substitutes cliches for analysis.

Evolution goes on under dictatorship as elsewhere. This taking place Soviet Union.

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